3-D Solid Modeling and Design

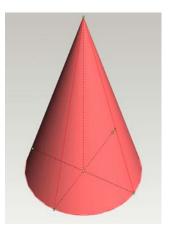
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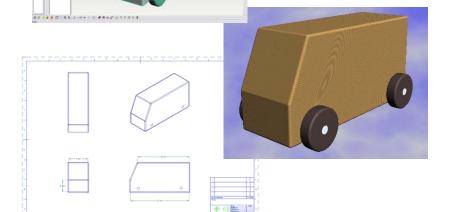
Activity #4 **PTC** Pro/DESKTOP® 8.0

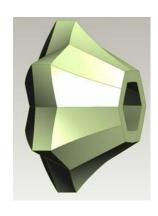












Activity 4:

"Cylinders, Chamfers, and Constraints"

About the program

Pro/Desktop (called 'PD' from now on) is a powerful software program that allows you to sketch ideas first, and then work on design details later.

This activity will help you:

- ➤ Memorize additional icons and their functions that you use to move and shape designs
- ➤ Use constraints for structure and also flexibility in your designs.

User Terms:

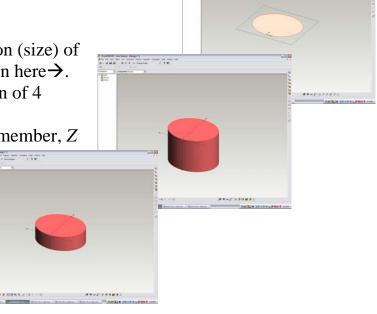
- Diameter
- > Cylinder
- > Features Toolbar Icons
- > Top Toolbar Icons
- Perpendicular Constraint
- > Parallel Constraint
- > Equal Length Constraint

Round and round we go....

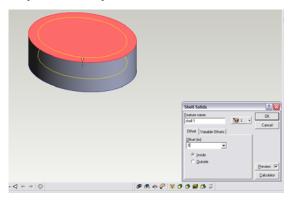
Draw an ellipse that has a dimension (size) of 6×5 and reposition the axes as seen here \rightarrow . Extrude the ellipse to a Z dimension of 4 inches BELOW the workplane.

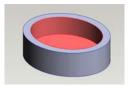
Reduce the Z axis to 1.8 inches (remember, Z

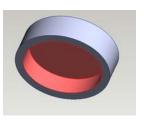
is now BELOW the workplane).



Click on the 'Select Face' icon and click the top surface. In the Features Toolbar, select the Shell Solids icon . This command will 'hollow out' or turn a solid design into a 'shell'. In the dialogue box, enter the Offset at .5 inches and click 'OK'. Rotate the 'Shell' of your original ellipse with the keyboard keys to see it from various angles. **Do not save this design**.







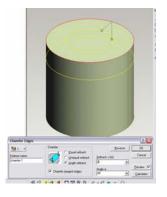
Draw a circle that has a **diameter** (the symbol for diameter is \emptyset) of 18". Reset the view to Half Scale. Extrude the circle to a Z dimension of 14 inches SYMMETRIC ABOUT THE WORKPLANE.

We want to increase the Z axis to 28 inches, but if we click and drag, the mouse will go off the screen before you even get close to 28 inches. Instead, DOUBLE CLICK the green handle at the top end of the z axis. In the

dialogue box, enter a distance of 28. Nothing happened!

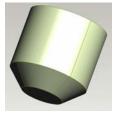
Did you notice the Upgrade icon () became colored? Click it and your design will update the new size. The Update icon 'updates' newly applied features to your design. Click Half scale, and increase

x, *y* to 34.5 x 34.5. Click Autoscale.



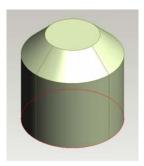
You are going to change the edges of the newly designed **cylinder** (a circular rod, pipe, or hole that has length to it). Instead of a fillet, you will use the **chamfer** icon () which makes a flat edge instead of a rounded one. Click the Select Edge icon, then click on either edge at the end of the cylinder to ensure it is an active profile and that it turns red. We will change the edge just like we did with the Round Edge feature, but this time, we are going to create a chamfered edge

at an angle. Select the Chamfer icon. In the dialogue box under the 'Chamfer' column, click on the 'Angle setback' radio button. In the 'Setback' field, type in the number '8' and 'Angle a' should be 45 (degrees). Look at the preview on the screen to see if it looks like this: Now click 'OK'. Rotate the new design around & take a look at what the Chamfer looks like.



Press the **Home** key to return to the default view. Click again on the Select Edge icon and select the BOTTOM edge of the cylinder. Select Chamfer. This time, check the 'Unequal setback' radio button.

Enter 'Setback s' as 10 and 'Setback S' as 18. Click OK. Rotate the design and look at what this chamfer has done to the cylinder.





Press the **Home** key when finished.

Save your design according to your instructor's directions.

I feel unconstrained!

Open the cube with rounded edges you designed in Activity 3. \rightarrow We are going to reshape the square sides into a rectangle.



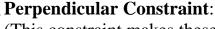
Click on the 'Select Features' icon and click on any inside square of the cube so that the small **handles** appear at the end of each axis. Try to drag either the *x* or the *y* handle to a length of 6.5 (inches). What happens to the other axis *x* or *y*? It moves as well. Click 'Undo'.

The reason you cannot move the lines separately is because they are **constrained**. If you remember from Activity 2, when something is **constrained**, it has had limits placed upon what can and cannot be done to it. You must remove the constraint that makes the *x* and *y* axes move together. Exit this design and

DO NOT SAVE.

Open the square with rounded edges from Activity 3 and set it to the Workplane view.→

Click on the 'Select Constraints' icon (). When you do, the original Design Field will show up, and so will some small 'tick' marks. These marks represent what constraints have been placed on your design. They are:



(This constraint makes these 2 lines that form this corner ALWAYS meet at a 90-degree angle. This corner cannot be modified to be anything less or more than 90 degrees while this constraint is active)

Parallel Constraint

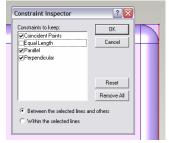
(This constraint makes this line and the one opposite of it always parallel. These two lines cannot be changed from being parallel while this constraint is active)

Equal Length Constraint

(This constraint makes all features maintain an equal length should one feature be changed. For example, if an *x* axis is changed, the *y* axis would change by the same amount while this constraint is active)

Which constraint would you choose to de-activate to make *x* and *y* different lengths? That's right: We are going to turn off the Equal Length constraint.

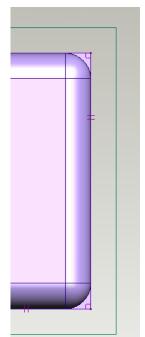
Click on the 'Line' icon in the Design Toolbar. When you do, the Constraints will disappear. Now click on the right side of the rectangle so that the line shows **red**. In the Top Toolbar, the **Constraint Inspector**



Icon () becomes active. Click on it. The

Constraint Inspector dialogue box appears and shows a list of the constraints active in your design. Un-check the 'Equal Length' box. Click OK. Now do this same procedure for the right side of the square. Click OK when done. Now click again on the Select Constraints icon. Notice something different?

SAVE your design.



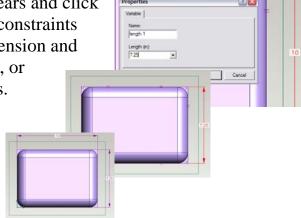
The Equal Length Constraint is now gone and we can now change the sizes of *x* and *y* to any shape independent of each other. We can also dimension the design at the same time. To do this, click on the

Sketch Dimension icon (in the Top Toolbar. This icon allows the user to place dimension lines on a design or drawing. Now click and hold down on the line that is the left side of the square. Drag outward into the Design Field. You will see a dimension of '10' (inches) appear and stay when you let go. If you make a mistake, click 'Undo'. Now, double-click on the number '10'.

Enter the number '7.25' in the dialogue box that appears and click

OK. Click the 'Update' icon. With the constraints turned off, you can either click the dimension and enter the new value in the dialogue box, or you can click and drag the axis handles. Now, see if you can add the dimension across the top.

SAVE your design at this to your instructor's directions.



You have completed this activity using PD! Exit the program and complete the following matching assignment on a separate sheet of paper.

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STUDENT WORKSHEET Pro/DESKTOP 3-D Modeling Software

Activity 4: "Cylinders, Chamfers, and Constraints"

Directions: Write the letter of the most correct definition of the icons used in this activity in the space provided:

Term or Icon	Name and Definition
	Shell Solids = This command will 'hollow out' or
1. Equal Length Constraint	turn a solid design into a 'shell'.
	The symbol for diameter.
2. Ø	
	This constraint makes all features maintain an equal
3. Cylinder	length should one feature be changed. For example,
	if an x axis is changed, the y axis would change by
	the same amount while this constraint is active.
	A circular rod, pipe, or hole that has length to it.
4. \rightarrow	Transfer to the transfer to the
	Update = 'Updates' newly applied features to your
5.	design.
	This constraint makes this line and the one opposite
6.	of it always parallel. These two lines cannot be
	changed from being parallel while this constraint is
	active.
	Constraints Inspector = Shows a list of the
7. +**+	constraints active in your design.
4	Sketch Dimension = Allows the user to place
8.	dimension lines on a design or drawing.
	Chamfer Edge = Makes a flat edge instead of a
9 Perpendicular Constraint	rounded one.
	This constraint makes these 2 lines that form this
10. Parallel Constraint	corner ALWAYS meet at a 90-degree angle. This
	corner cannot be modified to be anything less or
	more than 90 degrees while this constraint is active.